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TAGS : OEXC, NI (ROTINI, OLA)

SUBJ : IV NOMINATION FOR MR. OLA ROTINI

REF : A. LAGOS 4001 B. STATE 145672

1. IV GRANTEE OLA ROTINI HAS ADVISED POST HE PREPARED TRAVEL  
SECOND WEEK NOVEMBER. PART II NOMINATION FOLLOWS BELOW:

FULL NAME : MR. OLA ROTINI

PRESENT POSITION: SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW IN DRAMATIC  
LITERATURE, INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES,  
UNIVERSITY OF IFE, ILE IFE

PAST POSITIONS: FREE LANCE WRITER-PLAYWRIGHT

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 SEP 2013]; SAPELE, MIDWESTERN STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

MARITAL STATUS : MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN: 1 BOY 3 GIRLS  
AGES: 9, 7, 6, 4

EMERGENCY NAME& ADDRESS: MRS. OLA ROTINI  
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: METHODIST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, LAGOS;  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY-B.F.A.: YALE UNIVERSITY,  
M.F.A.

PUBLICATIONS: " TRADITIONAL NIGERIAN DRAMA", EVANS PUBLISHERS,  
1971;

"THE GODS ARE NOT TO BLAME", OXFORD UNIVERSITY  
PRESS, 1971;

"KURUNMI", OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1972;  
"OVANRAMWEN NOGHAISSI" OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1972;  
"OUR HUSBAND HAS GONE MAD AGAIN"ETHIOPE PUBLISHING, 1975;  
"THE DRAMA IN NIGERIAN CULTURE", NELSON, 1975

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S.: 1959-1964 (BOSTON UNIVERSITY-  
B.A.: YALE UNIVERSITY-M.A.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: WEST GERMANY 1973;  
FRANCE, BRITAIN, 1974

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH : EXCELLENT

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: YORUBA, SOME FRENCH

CULTURAL INTERESTS: DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE

PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS INTERRESTS: DRAMA AND CINEMATOGRAPHY  
AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS& HOBBIES: SCRABBLE, SOCCER

PERSONAL CONTACTS:SUGGESTED VISITS:

1. DAVID DAVIDSON  
(FORMER VISITING PROFESSOR OF TELEVISION  
PLAYWRITING, YALE UNIVERSITY)

2. DR. BERNTH LINDFORS,  
DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE,  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

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3. PROF. WILLIS WAGER  
SCHOOL OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, BOSTON  
UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

4. MR. OSSIE DAVIS  
C/O NATIONAL BLACK NETWORK, NEW YORK

5. DR. MICHAEL OLATUNJI

875 WEST END AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

6. PROF. F. BORDE  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
BINGHAMTON, N.Y. 13901

7. THEATER DEPT., STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
BINGHAMPTON, N.Y.  
(PERSONAL CONTACT: PROF. ARTHUR LESSAC)

8. KENNEDY CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

9. DEPARTMENT OF THEATER ARTS  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
BOSTON, MASS.  
(POSSIBLE CONTACT: PROF. JOHN WATTS)

10. ILE IFE BLACK HUMANITARIAN CENTER  
PHILADELPHIA  
(CONTACT: ARTHUR HALL)

11. DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS  
DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY  
(CONTACT: PROF. ERROL HILL)

12. AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER  
UCLA  
(CONTACT: PROF. JOHN POVEY)

13. DEPARTMENT OF THEATER ARTS  
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA  
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(CONTACT: PROF. SCOTT KENNEDY)

POST SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM: IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, MR. ROTIMI  
SHOULD SEE AMERICAN NEW THEATER ENSEMBLE (N.Y.)  
AND RE-VISIT YALE DRAMA SCHOOL. HE SHOULD VISIT THEATER IN THE  
ROUND OF DALLAS AND IN CALIFORNIA, IF POSSIBLE, HE SHOULD SEE A  
SMALLER FILM COMPANY ON LOCATION. ROTIMI WILLING LECTURE ON  
NIGERIAN DRAMA AND WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH LINKS WITH U.S.  
GROUPS AND ILE-IFE DANCE GROUP (ARTHUR HALL.)

U.S. ARRIVAL DATE: GRANTEE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING  
SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER, 1975.

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